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AirSports performs at fair

Demo crew hails from Creve Coeur

By Nicole Vaughn

Staff writer

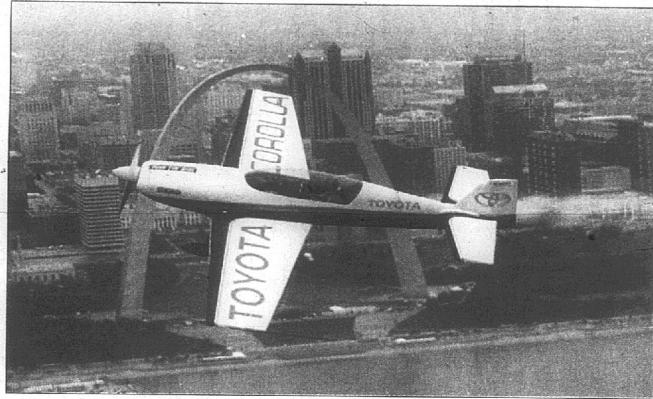
The fireworks display won't be the only attraction in the skies over Fair Saint Louis this Fourth of July.

The fair, which continues

today and tomorrow on the riverfront

in downtown St. Louis, will once again feature an airshow sponsored by Boeing Co. Among the performers will be the Toyota Airsports team.

See AIRSHOW, Page 6A



T.L. Witt photo

School board grants permission to use reading program

By Michael Heil

Staff writer

Prather and Marshall elementary schools have successful accelerated reading programs.

GRANITE CITY — Some educators from Niedringhaus, Worthen and Maryville elementary schools would like to see it

incorporated into their curriculum.

The Granite City School Board Tuesday night unanimously voted to allow the program to be used, as long as the schools incorporate it on a voluntary basis.

Ron Stern, administrative assistant for elementary edu-

cation for the Granite City School District, said the students will greatly benefit.

"It gets them extremely interested in learning and improves their reading skills," he said. "Students like the computers and the technology involved."

As part of the program, stu-

dents have an opportunity to read numerous books throughout the summer and school year. After each book is read, they are tested on reading comprehension through computer programming.

Those who retain much of what they read receive points, and after accumulating a cer-

tain number of points, are awarded prizes.

Unfortunately, Kambarian said, the program is expensive because of the technology involved and number of books required to create a comprehensive library at each school. Prather and Marshall were able to incorporate the pro-

gram through federal funding because 50 percent of students at the schools receive free or reduced-priced lunches.

For the program to be used at Niedringhaus, Marshall or Maryville, money will have to be raised from local businesses because those schools' programs are not federally funded.

Woman confesses to 23rd St. arson

No one harmed as two dwellings are damaged by morning blaze

By Michael Heil

Staff writer

The woman who set a house ablaze in the 2500 block of East 23rd Street Monday morning could receive a prison sentence of three to seven years.

Jessica Mayes, 21, of the 3700 block of Kirkpatrick

Homes,

was charged Tuesday

with one count of arson. Bond was set at \$15,000.

"She confessed to it," said Granite City Assistant Police Chief Kip Pomeroy. "Arsons are one of the most difficult crimes to solve."

Authorities learned that Mayes set the house on fire because she was angry at her

estranged boyfriend, who supposedly was having a relationship with another woman.

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Kip Pomeroy
Granite City Assistant Police Chief

Mayes initially left a threatening letter at the residence and said she would burn the house down.

She attempted to do so, according to authorities, by lighting a match to an area

near the back porch. It is not known if she used any other means to ignite the fire.

No one was inside the home at 2517 E. 23rd when flames began engulfing it shortly before 8:30 a.m., gutting most of the dwelling. The fire quickly spread to an adjacent home at E. 23rd,

damaging the roof.

The fire was brought under control about 9:07, 15 minutes after four units from the Granite City Fire Department arrived to combat the fire with the temperature in the mid-80s.

"Hot weather makes it difficult for firefighters to fight a blaze, especially in light of the fact they have to wear heavy

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nearby trees and bushes.

Firefighters were able to extinguish the flames without any injuries.

Prather and Marshall would like to become a certified lifeguard.

and so would 11-year-old R.J. Barrios.

Cantrell and Barrios, along

with eight other youngsters, are currently taking a life-

guard class at Wilson Park Pool.

It's called Guardstart: Lifeguarding Tomorrow. The

Lifeguard class starts

2-week program caters to kids age 11-14

By Michael Heil

Staff writer

Kate Cantrell, 11, would like to become a certified lifeguard.

GRANITE CITY —

Michael Scaneil (13) demonstrates how to use a lifeguard windbreaker as a floatation device during a training class.

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Cindy Prezler, Director of Weather Operations
 WSB-TV, NewsChannel 5 Weather Source

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WB11

Hamm appoints Papa Madison city attorney

Previous attorney representing city in project

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Long-time Madison City Attorney Casper Nighohossian was replaced by Mayor John Hamm at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

MADISON Nighohossian, who has served as city attorney for the last two years since 1970, was replaced by attorney John T. Papa, who is also the attorney for the Madison School District.

Hamm declined comment on the matter.

The only public complaints

by city officials toward Nighohossian have been that he was sometimes slow in preparing legal documents such as ordinances and resolutions.

Nighohossian left the meeting early and did not take his seat.

The mayor had advised me last week what he was going to do," Nighohossian said Friday. "I understand that is his prerogative and I accept it."

In related matters, the council approved paying \$1,000 in attorney fees to Nighohossian relating the legal battles and the subsequent settlement of boundary issues with

Fairmont City. The two municipalities recently settled a long-standing series of annexation and court battles and both passed a series of "mirror" ordinances to set permanent boundaries.

The council also approved to appoint Nighohossian as the city's attorney for its North Borrow sand mining project.

The city is hoping to lure a dredging company to mine sand and gravel at the site, next to the sandhill.

Except for about \$500 in copying costs for bid packets, the legal fees for the project would be paid by the successful bidder.



Curtiss A. Hartley photo

21st-century voting

A representative of VoteHere.net, an Internet election service, demonstrates his wares to several Madison County election judges during a visit to the Madison County Court-house recently. Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida is considering scrapping the county's current punch-card voting system in favor of a state-of-the-art election system, which may include touch-screen and Internet voting. Currently, it costs the county \$250,000 to conduct an election; no decision on whether the system will be replaced is expected before summer's end.

Police Blotter

Granite City Police

• UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CANNIBAS: David Lane, 37, of 2445 State St., Granite City, was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis with intent to deliver.

Undercover officers confiscated a bag containing a white waxy substance containing a leafy substance and found more in his basement. They also found the leafy substance in a vehicle with the driver's seat.

• Johnny Staggs, 39, of 2415 Hodges St., Granite City, was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis.

Staggs was taken into custody after officers found a small bag containing a green leafy substance in his vehicle.

• Noah Gust, 19, of Pontoon Beach, was charged June 19 for possession of cannabis.

• BATTERY: Teague Saunfaver, 25, of 4864 Peag Road, Edwardsville, was charged with battery.

According to police, officers responded to a disturbance on Grand Avenue. Teague, a member of the Loyal Legion, and other members chased a male up the street, where he was eventually punched in the face. Teague was arrested and booked at the police department.

• CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY: Property damage occurred to a residence in the 2800 block of East 25th Street.

A police report stated that six who were driving a vehicle as a car window. The damage to the windows was estimated at \$150.

• Criminal damage of property occurred Monday in the 2800 block of Denver Street, Granite

City. A police report stated that an individual acquainted with the owner of a residence damaged a dresser and playpen. Damage was estimated at \$150.

Police are investigating and have a suspect.

• POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY: Donnell Jr., 23, of 1720 State St., Granite City, was charged Monday with possession of a stolen vehicle.

Lewis was pulled over in the 1700 block of State Street about 10:30 p.m. and charged with a low rate of speed. He was arrested a short time later.

According to police, report, Lewis told the officer that he had an individual \$50 to use the car.

• THEFT: A theft occurred Friday afternoon at Gilligan's Corner in Granite City in which a jackhammer from a Bobcat was stolen.

The theft occurred about 3:30 p.m. in a construction area near a gas pumping lot. The jackhammer is valued at about \$7,500 and weighs about 1,500 pounds. Police are investigating.

• ILLEGAL CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL: Matthew Marchese, 31, of 31 Pershing Way, Granite City, was charged Monday with illegal consumption of alcohol and resulting a minor accident. He was taken into custody about 9 p.m. Monday along New Street for consuming alcohol on public property and struck briefly with an officer before he was taken into custody.

• DISORDERLY CONDUCT: Jessie Loggins, 18, of Hays, Mo.,

was charged June 19 by Pontoon Beach authorities for disorderly conduct.

Venice Police

• BURGLARY: A Venice man was charged with residential burglary after being found inside a house Tuesday morning.

• BURGLARY: Ford, 18, of the 600 block of Lincoln, was charged with one count of residential burglary and one count of larceny with a value of \$75,000.

According to reports, police responded to reports of a burglary in progress at about 10:30 a.m.

When officers entered the house, Ford allegedly tried to escape, but was captured as he left the building.

The victim said he and his wife left the home at about 8 a.m. for work. A woman, who lives nearby, noticed a suspicious person walking around the house and called police.

• POSSESSION OF DRUG EQUIPMENT: Harvey Nelson, 41, of the 1300 block of Klein, Venice, was charged with possession of drug equipment after being stopped by Venice police at about 3 p.m. Monday.

An officer on duty saw Nelson driving a vehicle and knew Nelson had an outstanding warrant. The officer found a suspected crack pipe during a search.

Wood River woman sues GIR over a 1998 traffic accident

Motion is filed under the state Dram Shop Act

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

permanent injuries after she was riding in a vehicle that she was intoxicated when they left the raceway.

An Illinois statute called the "Dram Shop Act" allows an injured party in an alcohol-related traffic accident to hold responsible those who sold alcohol to the driver and to seek damages against the servers.

Luebbert's suit also alleges that Illinois Power is negligent for placing a utility pole too close to the roadway.

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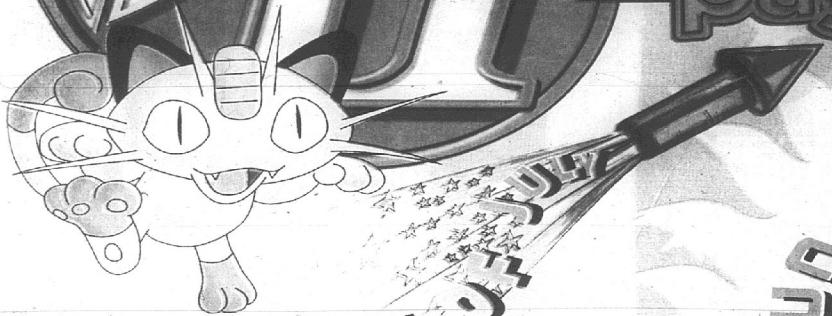
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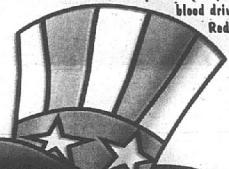


HAPPY 4TH!



WHAT'S EATIN' YA?

Mild winters and hot summers provide the perfect environment for animals such as ticks, mosquitoes and other biting, stinging insects. On Friday, July 9th, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., the Missouri Department of Conservation's, Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center will host "Friday Night Live - WHAT'S EATIN' YA!" Through a series of activities, speakers, displays and stories, this evening of family fun will focus on the natural world's predatory impact on our lives. There will also be a blood drive in cooperation with the American Red Cross, a B-B-Q, lots of family fun and admission is FREE!! Powder Valley is located at the intersection of Interstate 270 and 44. Call (314) 301-1500, ext. 0 for more information!



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JULY 6 - turns 20, Tom Jamie Tague

Also celeb day - Chris Sherrill, Debbie Kelly and Kellie 14 years, Andrew Rehle

JULY 7 - Kellie is 48

JULY 8 - anniversary Steve Ross, Frank and J. 35 years

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Milestones

July 5 — Melanie Skoklo turns 17; Elanor Rynkowski turns 20; Frank Leon Hollenback II turns 40.

Also celebrating birthdays: Kimberly Koeter and Monica Kennedy Brown.

July 6 — Josh Hildebrand turns 20; Tony Kohn is 38; Jamie Tague is 15.

Also celebrating a birthday: Chris Shields.

Celebrating anniversaries:

Kelly and Kimberly Mann 14 years, and Mary and Andrew Rehler, 6 years.

July 7 — Leonard J. Kotek is 48.

July 8 — Celebrating an anniversary: Twila and Steve Ross, 25 years, and Frank and Judy Modrusic, 33 years.

July 9 — Kellie Evans turns 17; James Dennis is 18; Sarah Garriott is 6.

Also celebrating a birthday: Peggy Brown.

July 10 — Deanna Jones turns 20; Noah Michael Ostresh is 3.

Also celebrating birthdays: Marla Bruzaitis and Judy Berging.

Celebrating anniversaries: Steve and Karen Cavins, 17 years.

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, see a postcard in the classified section of Granite City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

Obituaries**Pete Berta**

PETE LAWRENCE BERTA,
86, of Granite City, died
at 3:43 a.m. Thursday,

July 1, 1999. He was born Aug. 30, 1912 in Collinsville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice (Bert) Barta and son, Jerome L. Barta.

Survivors include a daughter, Nettie Mae (Perkins) Kent.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 9, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center's Better Births Fund in Granite City and Wilma Bond of Eastley, S.C.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice (Thompson) Barta and parents, Robert and Anna Barta; and two brothers, Frank and Michael Barta.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 5, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 6, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City.

Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Nameoki United Methodist Church.

Florence Buettner

FLORENCE E. (KENT) BUETTNER,
70, of Granite City, died at 4:10 p.m.
at Willowbrook Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Belleville.

She was born June 1, 1929, in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

In her early years she was a homemaker and lived in Granite City for 31 years.

She is survived by four sons,

two daughters, Linda Beach, Flia, Darrell Buettner of Piermont and

Wayne Buettner and Larry Buettner, both of Granite City; a daughter, Linda (Buettner) of Sorento; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerome L. Buettner and her parents, William Kenza and Nettie Mae (Perkins) Kent.

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She is survived by his parents, James and Karen (Dunnivant) Clark of Granite City, died Thursday, June 25, 1998, at Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Karen (Clark) Dunnivant and son, James Dunnivant.

Survivors include a son, Clark Dunnivant, and two brothers, Frank and Michael Barta.

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Ruby M. (MATHERY) CLUTTS

78, of Granite City, died at 6:44 a.m.
Thursday, June 1, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born Nov. 12, 1920 in Marion, Ill.

She is survived by three sons,

Ralph E. Clutts Jr., Phillip E. Clutts and Roger M. Clutts, all of Granite City; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter,

Betty was at St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

June Pritz

JANE MARGARET PRITZ, 71, of Fairview Heights, formerly of Granite City, died at 12:55 a.m. Friday, July 2, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born June 28, 1928 in East St. Louis, Ill. Mrs. Pritz was a member of AARP, Granite City Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Shrine in Granite City, BPW, Tri-City American Legion Post 113 Ladies Auxiliary, and Elks Lodge Aerie 1126 in Granite City.

She is survived by her daughter,

Gloria was at St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

Mike Jasudowicz

MIKE JASUDOWICZ, 83, of Madison, died Thursday, May 27, 1999 at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Dec. 10, 1915 in Poland and died July 2, 1999 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison and the Polish National Alliance.

He is survived by two sons, Richard Jasudowicz of Edwardsville and David Jasudowicz of Madison; a daughter, Roseann Robertson of Madison; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary and a second wife, Rose Marie Jasudowicz.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 29 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Carolyn Pritz

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Adolph Schwaninger

ADOLPH SCHWANINGER, 80, of Caneville, died Tuesday, June 29, 1999 at SunRise Care Center in Edwardsville.

He was born Sept. 27, 1919, in St. Louis. Mr. Schwaninger was retired from McCausland Service in St.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Ritchie, and his parents, Charles and Dennis Ritchie.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Madison County or the Kennedy Foundation.

Carolyn Siecka

CAROLYN MARY SIECKA, infant daughter of James and Lori (Jolley) Siecka of Maryville, died at 2:02 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

She is survived by her parents, James and Lori Siecka, two sisters, Marlene and Vicki Siecka, and a brother, Danielle Siecka; a brother, Joshua Adam Tucker, her paternal grandparents, Robert and Betty Siecka of Granite City, Ill.; and maternal grandparents, Bart and Pearl Peterson of Marion.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 3, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Don Stratton officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children.

Sheila Buetner

Sheila Buetner and Larry Buetner, both of Granite City; a daughter, Linda (Buetner) of Sorento; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph E. Clutts Sr.; parents, John and Lila (Clegg) Clutts; two sons, John and Larry Clutts; two daughters, Lila Ferris and Linda K. Ferris; and four broth-

ers.

Funeral services

will be held 11 a.m. today, Sunday, July 4, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Robert Ferris officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

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He was born Sunday, April 28, 1912, in Granite City.

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and a brother, James F. Pierce of Chester.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James A. Pritz; and her parents, James and Lucille (Stern) Pritz.

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Louis, where he was a mechanic. He was a former volunteer firefighter and a member of the Granite City Fire Department and a member of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Caneville.

He was survived by his wife, Thelma M. (Zumwalt) Carrico-Schwaninger; two daughters, Barbara Gregory of Granite City and Carol Ann (Brown) Chang; four sons, Darrel Carrico of Cahokia, Reggie Carrico and David Carrico of Du Quoin; and two stepdaughters, Charlotte Gantner of Lenzburg, Coralee Pierschy of Swansea and Pamela Shimpay of Cahokia; a brother, John Carrico of St. Louis; a sister, Jewell Mofley of St. Louis; 24 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lydia Belle (Stafford) Schwaninger; a son, Donald Schwaninger; and a daughter, Linda Schwaninger.

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She is survived by her parents, James and Lori Siecka, two sisters, Marlene and Vicki Siecka, and a brother, Danielle Siecka; a brother, Joshua Adam Tucker, her paternal grandparents, Robert and Betty Siecka of Granite City, Ill.; and maternal grandparents, Bart and Pearl Peterson of Marion.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 3, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Don Stratton officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

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Letters to the editor

Not all news is bad:
Lost camera returned

TO THE EDITOR:
 An incident that happened over the weekend prompted me to write this letter. All we have been reading lately are bad things and I wanted your readers to have something good to read for a change.

On Friday night my daughter and three grandchildren came from out of town for a visit. We took them to the Hwy 1 Family Center in Granite City for a few hours.

My two granddaughters ages 4 and 2 1/2 were so excited about going on the ride they asked their mother to take a couple pictures of them having a great time. I didn't have my camera and decided I must have left it at home in the confusion of getting them all ready to go.

When I finally returned to my car at 9 p.m. two young men approached me and asked if I had lost a camera. They had found it lying on the ground next to my car and took it out of the picture stand. They had then announced the make of my car and license number hoping to find me, but we didn't hear it from all the times going on by the carousels ride.

I don't even know their names but I admire them for their honesty and effort in trying to find the right owner.

I could have easily bought another camera but I could never have replaced the pictures and lost my camera — they were of my newborn grandson! I hope they see this letter and that their families know they raised honest sons.

DONNA KOSTECKI
 Granite City

Safe deposit box could have saved trouble

TO THE EDITOR:

If you own a home, rent a safety deposit box for house deeds and other papers important and expensive.

This is what happened to me; it could have been you.

While in a nursing home and hospital for eight and a half months I had a friend, a friend who had a key to my home stole house deeds and personal papers, etc.

I returned home on March 26, 1998. This person said she took all of the above home for safe keeping, including eight and a half months' mail, food stamps and government checks.

I have never gotten anything returned.

In July 1998 she was reported to the Fairmont City Police Department, who so far have done nothing.

This is the problem: In St. Clair County anyone can go to the St. Louis County Courthouse and transfer property to his or her name, as long as there is a quit claim deed. You don't need a probate, a death certificate or a will.

Martha Valina, supervisor clerk at the Courthouse, told me since no police report was ever filed, she would have to transfer the property to the thief who stole the deeds.

This could have all been avoided by renting a \$13 safety deposit box.

RUTH MASTERTON
 Fairmont City

Hoffmann applauded

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to commend State Rep. Jay Hoffmann for his understanding and that he is one to thank for all the road projects we will be seeing in our area.

He helped to ensure that construction on State Routes 159 and 157 and Interstates 255 and 64 was included in the Gov. Ryan's Illinois

Fiscal Year 2000 budget.

All of these projects are very clearly necessities if this area is going to continue to grow and expand while looking out for us, and we should show our support. We should call him and thank him for his efforts.

He has served us well in Springfield. He has shown me that he is a true leader up there.

DAN BAUER
 Glen Carbon

Walgreen's should not receive help

TO THE EDITOR:

I knew Granite City Hall had been working for years

trying to get a Walgreen's drug store in downtown Granite City. I didn't know they had to earn all that money to get one here. Besides, Walgreen's already has a large store in Granite City.

For a good many years, my husband and I bought our medication from Miller Drug Store, a downtown, hometown pharmacist. When this drugstore went out of business, there was no place else to go but Kmart.

Three months ago, I changed over to Kmart/Farmacia because it was run by a hometown young man just starting out in business.

When Al Pelate was asked what he thought about the Walgreen's deal, he answered, "I didn't get any money from the city when I started my business."

I could say my family didn't either.

Doesn't City Hall know that buying property for \$700,000 and then asking for \$250,000 is poor money management? How much will the seven more parcels cost? How many buildings will have to be torn down?

Does City Hall know how much \$2.4 million really is? Should money from the general revenue account be used to start a drugstore?

Who knows? City Hall may soon be tearing down the YMCA and building a Wal-Mart there to take some of the load off the other stores.

Take a ride around Granite City like I did. Just see where all of that money should have been used to be of benefit to the public. How many communities have a museum that is a National Historic Site? Shouldn't City Hall be helping with this project for the future?

GEORGIA ENGELKE
 Granite City

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Pols love Ryan; the voters hate him

Governor's accomplishments may not play well in Voter Land

You may have noticed that Gov. George Ryan has been running TV ads listing his accomplishments during the spring legislative session.

The list is impressive, if not a little exaggerated, but that about hiring 10,000 new teachers is way off, but Ryan did make a "down payment" on his goal to improve schools — there's some truth to it.

As sessions go, Ryan did have a great one. Year after year, a frustrated General Assembly would return for the summer with countless unresolved issues still awaiting action.

Ryan came in this spring and literally cleared the decks. A massive public works project, HMO reform, stronger corporate hog farm regulations, environmental cleanup, teacher locks for guns and a presidential library for Abraham Lincoln were some of the highlights.

Ryan's record of accomplishments looks even longer in comparison with the (un)succes rate of his immediate predecessor, Jim Edgar. Jim Edgar, governor when the most prodigious bill-passer that ever walked the Statehouse walls, was split into two parts.

Edgar was generally sneered at by the Springfield establishment as a guy who couldn't pass the big one. But he was genuinely liked by the public. In contrast, Gov. Ryan is almost universally adored at



Rich Miller

the Statehouse. But popularity under the dome doesn't necessarily translate into popularity in Voter Land.

Statehouse types place a high value on doing well with voters to achieve progress. But voters would often like to see their government almost paralyzed — or, at least, out of the way — which is the big reason why they split their tickets so much.

Enacting lots of governmental programs all at once can overwhelm a population who tends to believe that the government can hardly do one thing right at a time, let alone a whole bunch of stuff. George Ryan may be a good political being in Springfield right now, but he is just the leader of state government to everyone else.

And people don't trust the government, especially when the head guy is cheerfully building a mountain of friendly new government programs and regulations and adding insult to injury by raising taxes after solemnly

promising not to.

For Springfield insiders, it's easy to look at the results of the spring session and say, hey, the new tax and fee increases are paltry, most of the new laws were crafted by an army of congressional groups and individuals that in one way or another represent almost equal and overdue

legislation was passed.

But outsiders can only see more government and higher taxes.

The media has helped feed this perception by repeatedly recycling the same half-dozen examples of small projects to credit Ryan's entire \$12 billion infrastructure program. Talk radio, that hotbed of rational discussion, focuses like a laser on the tax hike.

Harsly anti-tax, anti-pork letters to the editor continue to flood papers from Zion to Cairo. Recent Democratic polling shows widespread discount. It's not a good time to be George Ryan.

A governor like Jim Edgar, who attempted little during a period of prosperity, will make few waves, and the mostly disinterested and disengaged electorate in Illinois is not that last to notice.

And people don't trust the government, especially when the head guy is cheerfully building a mountain of friendly new government programs and regulations and adding insult to injury by raising taxes after solemnly

steps runs the risk of frightening that same populace with too much government-sponsored controversy.

In the long term, when the public figures out that the tax hike is not what it sounds like, when the newly-passed laws don't impact their lives, when the anger over everything will settle down, the anger should all wear off by 2002, when Ryan will decide whether to run for re-election.

Meanwhile, the members of the General Assembly who voted for all those new taxes and government programs will have to face the voters next year.

Nationally, voters felt threatened by Bill Clinton's 1993 tax hikes and his way too expansionist policies. In 1994 health care proposal and they retaliated by dumping the Democratic Congress in the fall of 1994. State legislators who stick with Ryan may be understandably queasy these days.

For right now, Ryan's smile-faced television ads will have little effect. The legislature is the group most impressed by progress. General public probably doesn't believe a word of it.

Rich Miller is an independent journalist who covers statewide issues for the Illinois Press Association.

BAC board members take advantage of position

TO THE EDITOR:

While on the Belleville Area College Board for eight years I watched board member Kay Bennett rack up thousands of dollars of bills each year for travel, lodging, meals, etc. to attend meetings. She never returned with even one constructive idea to justify the expense.

Just keep it simple. The kids love to cook anything made with pasta.

RUTH MASTERTON
 Fairmont City

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Ken Joseph also charged \$40 to \$88 each for travel reimbursement to Mount Vernon.

Also, some board members are charging the taxpayers and students for travel expenses to the BAC board meetings. Sam Wolf walloped \$558 over 14 months while Norm Owca tapped us for \$644.

Ken Joseph drained \$4,588 from the coffers of valuable meeting fees and dinners. He stayed some nights in \$200-a-night rooms, yet he took a \$700 advance for two trips to put for his own hotel and meal expenses. He apparently spent every dime; since, the records I received do not show a refund to the college.

On the plus side, Dan Polites did not charge the college one dime this past year. He is to be commended. His apparently unusual idea that board positions are for those who want to serve, also, Nick Mance did not charge mileage to attend local meetings.

TED FARMER
 Belleville

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GC Park District lifeguard class starting

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two-week class, which began Monday, is offered to youngsters ages 11 to 14 and is being taught by Granite City Park District lifeguards Cherie Patrick and Holly Derossett.

"Our main objective is to teach kids water safety, basic CPR and first aid with the hope they'll use the skills as a way to become certified at 16," Patrick said.

"Students are in the water from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. Besides learning basic lifesaving techniques and water safety skills, they are learning about drowning prevention and the roles and responsibilities associated with a professional lifeguard."

"What they learn will effectively give them an understanding of

decision-making and communication skills, besides saving someone's life," Patrick said.

The aspiring lifeguards were in the pool Thursday, swimming throughout the morning and practicing numerous lifesaving techniques during the afternoon. As an example of a lifesaving technique, they dove into the water with blue jeans, removing, zipping and tying them as a way to use the jeans as flotation devices.

"The idea is to drown at a lake or somewhere where there isn't a conventional flotation apparatus, a pair of jeans can come in handy," Patrick said. "Now, the kids know how to possibly save a life," Patrick said.

After being in the water for about six hours, one would think that they would be eager to hop out of the pool, but that

was not the case. "Learning from the lifeguards is a lot of fun," Barrios said. "I don't want the summer to go away."

Cantrell added, "I want to become a lifeguard, so I'll swim all day if that's what it takes."

Derossett, 18, who was competing in the competition this year by Patrick, said she enjoys teaching the youngsters. "They're great and want to learn," Derossett said. "It's fun to teach them the skills that I learned from Cherie."

Those participating in the class besides Barrios and Cantrell are Michael Scannell, 13; Frank Hickey, 12; Krista Romano, 12; Matt Kennedy, 12; Adam Grandine, 13; Brandi Hammond, 12; Justin Zagar, 12; and Jacob Long, 12. The class costs \$70 per child. Other classes will be offered this summer.

Woman arrested in 23rd Street arson case

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bulky turnover equipment," said Granite City Fire Chief Keith Tally. "Some firefighters used two tank masks and had to come back

for a third one."

Betty Haze, who lives in the area, said she was afraid the fire would spread to several homes because the flames were so intense.

"It was really burning, and there was smoke everywhere," she said. "It's a good thing

nobody was in the house."

Estimated damage to the home at 2317 E. 23rd was \$25,000; damage to the home at 2319 E. 23rd was estimated at \$15,000.

No one was injured and a fire report stated that smoke detectors were not installed.

Toyota AirSports team appearing at fair

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This crew from Crev Coeur, Mo., will use the Toyota AirSports Corolla to make an aerobatic demonstration three times each day. Shows are at 11:40 a.m., 3:40 and 5:40 p.m.

The Toyota AirSports crew do 20 to 25 shows each year all over the country. They will be in their third appearance by pilot Kent Gorton who, at 31, is one of the youngest pilots in the air show industry.

Rolls, flips and drops from almost a half-mile in the air and at speeds up to 250 mph

are featured in the show.

On a test flight last week from Parks Downtown St. Louis Airport in Cahokia, Gorton made a few maneuvers look easy for members of the media who were along for an impromptu tour.

Secondary pilot Chuck Coleman who flew a "chase" plane accompanying Gorton, said that St. Louis is one of the team's favorite venues, not only because it is so close to home but because of the riverfront's landmark guidance.

"A lot of the shows we do are over open green fields," Coleman said. "You get into a

roll and you know you have to stop at some point and it's always easy to tell when. In St. Louis, you have the Arch and you never really get lost."

The St. Louis riverfront also poses its share of challenges.

"The water is a little different (than in other parts of the country) and with the bridges, you have to fly a little tighter than normal," Coleman said.

But Coleman said it is also a fun site because of the number of spectators.

"There are always so many people," he said. "The crowd is huge down there."

In Brief

SEMC helps with Prairie State Games
Providence Occupational Health Services, an affiliate of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, and the sports medicine department of the hospital provided medical support and strategic planning for the recent Prairie State Games. St. Elizabeth has supplied medical support since its location in the area. Ronald Pinnan, manager of clinical operations for Providence, and Dan Stephens, SEMC Sports Medicine Department Coordinator, coordinated all the medical care.

Their participation included delivery supplies and meals and the scheduling of 200 medical volunteers. In addition to them, 15 medical center and Providence volunteers, including athletic trainers, participated in the annual Olympic-style event.

SEMC names new medical officers

St. Elizabeth Medical Center has announced its medical staff officers for the 1999-2000 term.

Dr. Syed Ali, board certified otolaryngologist, has been elected president. Dr. James Fernandez, board certified otolaryngologist, has been elected president-elect. Dr. Peter Anderson, board certified orthopedic surgeon, has been elected immediate past president.

All a graduate of Dow Medical School in Karachi, Pakistan, completed his residency in Cleveland; he has been a staff member since 1982.

Fernandez, a staff member since 1986, has served as chief of surgery since 1995; he is a graduate of Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

Anderson served as chief surgeon for two years. He has

been a staff member since 1990 at the Department of Orthopedics at Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. He received his training in orthopedic surgery at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn.

Venice board sets special meeting

Another special meeting of the Venice School Board to discuss nonresident students and related personnel issues has been set for 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Venice High School gym.

The board has met in special session — most of it in executive session — twice in the last two weeks to discuss the issues.

About 173 students have been

classified as nonresident and are unable to move into the district, register and attend in their own district or pay a nonresident tuition fee.

Because of the possibility of paying the state more than \$1.1 million in disallowed state aid and the loss of additional aid in the coming school year because of the recession, the board

Because of the expected drop in enrollment and the loss of state aid, the district is facing the possibility of deficits ranging up to \$1 million for the coming school year.

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Chemco pollution trial delay possible

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Legion stats
Updated standings,
stats for Legion
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Sports

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All-Journal
Prep tennis
team selected
Wednesday

Belleville fields team in Metro Collegians

No need to bore you with more whining about the city of Belleville and its lack of a lighted baseball diamond for high school American Legion or travel players.

The fact remains that Belleville continues to produce talent while not really giving much of itself away to the likes of Tom Baltz, the coach of the Belleville Hills Post 10 American Legion team.

While Tom bounces from location to location — from Belleville Area College to Sauget to Millstadt for home games — men's baseball has been absent from the city since 1996 when Mon-Clair team coached by Gary Bernard of Belleville died midway through the summer.

It also alleges he was negligent in his duty pole too far away.

But the route called the " " allows an

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While Bernard suffered

financially due to lack of

sponsors, it appears an

adult-type team in Belleville

will survive this summer

due to a \$300 per player

charge in the St. Louis-based

Metro Collegians League.

Coached by Joe Bauer of

Belleville, the team

includes being an assistant

baseball coach at BAC and

former assistant and head

coach of the Fairview

Heights Collegiate League

team, the Belleville team is

one of six Metro Collegians

entrants.

While Belleville plays its

home games at BAC, the

other teams and their home

playground (Brentwood Mo. (Brentwood Park); Clayton, Mo. (Washington University); Creve Coeur, Mo. (Midway Baptist Church); Manchester, Mo. (Parkway South High School); and Sauget (Sauget Field).

Scheduled to play

approximately 30 games

(weather permitting) from June 3 to July 15, when the playoffs begin, the Metro Collegians League (one of college-age players (none with Legion eligibility)) a chance to hone their skills while also being eligible to play in the Mon-Clair

League.

Metro Collegians League games are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with most of the Mon-Clair games slated on Sundays. Players must use wood bats.

Early season statistical leaders for Belleville are Brian Beckman, Mike Bowen, Robbie Brown, Greg Distler, Toby Lindsay, Brett Haake and Ryan Tribout.

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Althoff senior pitcher Katie Kloess posted a 17-3 record with an earned run average of 0.21 this spring. She also led the Crusaders in batting average with a .424 mark.

Tri City rallies to defeat Alton

Post 113 holds on for 8-6 victory

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Like most of its games the past few weeks, the Tri City American Legion team's tussle with Alton on Wednesday night was a close affair.

Post 113 emerged with an 8-6 victory.

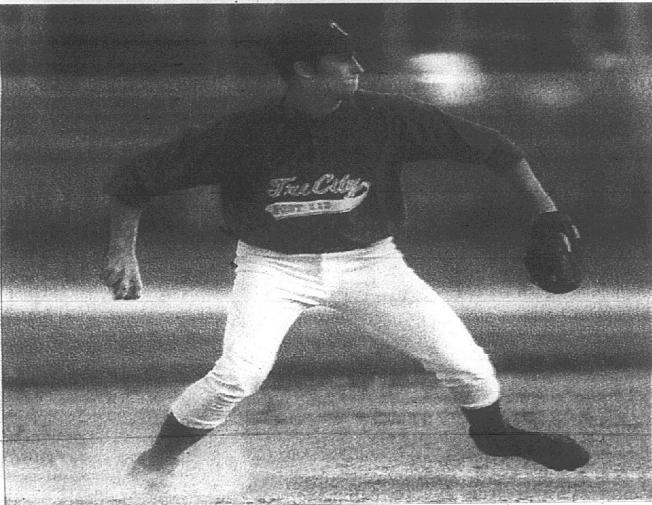
Tri City opened scoring with two runs in the home half of the first. Jeff Schlecht led off the inning with a single to right-center field. Two batters later, Teddy Milas' fly ball was misplayed in the outfield, allowing Schlecht to score. Milas scored third on Devin Mayes' groundout and scored on a passed ball.

Alton came back with four in the top of the fourth against Tri City starter Sean Courtney. Jeff Schwierjohn, Sam Powers, Eric Johnson and Nick Strohback all scored to give Alton the 4-2 lead.

Dustin Murphy and Elliot Dine led off the bottom of the fourth with back-to-back singles and both scored to tie the game at 4-4.

Schwierjohn and Powers scored in the top of the fifth to regain the lead for Alton, but Murphy's single drove in two.

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Tri City shortstop Devin Mayes delivered a two-run hit in the sixth inning to provide the difference in Post 113's 8-6 victory Wednesday against Alton.

gotten to state. I really enjoyed the kids."

Katie Kloess' love for softball is hardly surprising because she grew up around the sport. Her father, Tom Kloess, was one of the top players in the Belleville City League, the Metro East's premier men's fastpitch circuit.

"I think when she started playing, but she was six months old when we started taking her to softball games," Mary Kloess said. "We've met a lot of nice people, learned a lot of things and made some good associations because of the game."

Kloess, who split the pitching duties this season with junior Emily Scannell, played first base when she wasn't on the mound. In addition to the time she has spent under the tutelage of her parents, she has worked with several pitching coaches, most recently George Jones.

"I've gone to George for two or three years now," said Kloess, who has signed a scholarship to play softball at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. "He's worked with a lot of people. His big thing is rhythm, balance and footwork. It's helped me perfect a lot of my movements."

Years of playing youth softball in the summer also have honed Kloess' skills. She's in her fourth year with the St. Louis Heat, which played last week in a tournament in Colorado.

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Collinsville happy with 9-5 start

Travelers show signs of putting it all together

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Pat Dellamano, the coach of the Collinsville American Legion junior division team,

pleased with the

Herr

Travelers' 9-5 start. However, Dellamano knows a key hit here or there could have given the team a 12-2 mark.

One of those games took place last week when the Travelers fell 2-1 to Roxana in a pitcher's duel.

"It was a heart breaker," Dellamano said. "The first inning was the game. They had a hit and a home run. We shut them down the rest of the way. (Joe) Shaeffer gave up two runs in four innings. (Andy) Sidwell pitched the last two innings and gave up one hit."

"We played flawless defense but didn't get the big hits."

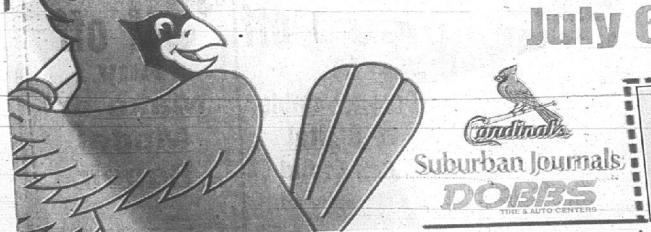
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Belleville fields team in Metro Collegians

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Pitching leaders included Cory Bowens, Bowen, Ryan Curry, Justin Hampson, Jim Pecoraro and Kent Stenzel.

Extra innings

Congratulations to Darin Hendrickson, the 29-year-old Granite City native who has been named baseball coach at Forest Park Community College.

In four seasons at Fontbonne College, Hendrickson compiled a 126-54 record and guided the Griffins to the 1998 and 1999 Missouri State baseball tournament.

Also a pitcher with Waterloo of the Mon-Clair League, Hendrickson not only has an unprecedented five consecutive league and state titles but earned a no-hitter in early June against Fairview Heights....

While the Mon-Clair League now stretches from Greenville to Farmington, Mo., it should come as no surprise.

Nationally, in basketball, for instance, collegiate attendance increased by 10 percent in 1998. Tennessee led with an average of 16,565 at home while the University of Illinois was ninth at 7,407.

Despite a winning record,

Illinois State ranked 76th at 1,385. That's impressive when you consider the University of Missouri was 100th at 1,108.

High, is the manager of the Diamondbacks, who feature 10 players from Shawnee Community College.

Overtime

Only four teams competed in the Prairie League baseball division with Springfield joining Mon-Clair League teams Fairview Heights, Waterloo and Granite City.

The Waterloo Budos won the championship for coach Vern Moehrs for a second straight year.

Previously, teams came from Chicago and the Rockford area, but Moehrs said travel and housing expenses make it difficult.

"I'd just as well see us have all the Mon-Clair League teams here," Moehrs said.

Footnote

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Youth standings

CBSL Standings Baseball

Atom 0 American League						
	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Mighty Dogs	0	0	1.00	-		
D&K Backhoe	4	1	.500	1		
MacNair Asphalt	4	2	.333	4		
X2 Collision	2	4	.333	4		
Steak & Shake	2	4	.333	3		
Dr. Koltman	1	4	.167	4		
Malter Constr.	0	3	.000	4		

Atom 1 National League						
	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Osborn Const.	9	6	.571	-		
CCM, Inc.	3	9	.370	-		
LaFrank Mont.	5	3	.625	1		
Farmer's Mkt.	4	5	.444	2		

Atom 1 American Legion						
	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Help-U-Sell	6	3	.667	-		
Advertiser Press	4	4	.500	1/2		
Alex 1st Edition	1	8	.167	4		
Kuechle Const.	1	8	.111	5		

Atom 2 National League						
	W	L	Pct.	GB		
IIIrd Century	8	0	1.00	-		
Dr. Pizzolato	6	2	.625	3		
Pizza World	5	3	.625	3		
Kings Backhoe	4	6	.400	5		
York & Sons	2	5	.265	5		

Atom 2 American League						
	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Thron Constr.	2	6	.750	-		
Randy's Traller	5	3	.625	1		
Tri County Strips	2	7	.222	5		
Dr. Meyer	0	8	.000	6		

Bantam 1 National League						
	W	L	Pct.	GB		
KoFC	6	0	1.00	-		
Prudential	6	5	.545	3 1/2		
Larry's Auto	3	5	.400	4 1/2		
I.O.S.	3	5	.375	5		

Bantam 1 American League						
	W	L	Pct.	GB		
The Bank	3	5	.375	-		
CV Jaycees	3	5	.375	-		
Lion's Club	2	4	.333	1		

Bantam 2 National League						
	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Murphy	7	0	1.00	-		
Wells-Harrison	4	3	.571	3		
Carp. No. 295	2	5	.267	5		

Bantam 2 American League						
	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Optimists	3	5	.375	2		
Buck's Auto	3	5	.375	2		
CV Jaycees	1	6	.143	3		

Midlet 1 National League						
	W	L	Pct.	GB		
B.C. Auto	7	2	.777	-		
V.F.W.	3	5	.375	1 1/2		
Waldron Htg.	3	7	.300	3		

Midlet 2 American League						
	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Andrias	6	2	.800	-		
Pegula Prod.	7	3	.700	1/2		
Keller Farms	3	7	.260	5		
T&T Wall-paper	2	8	.200	6		

Sports

American Legion statistics

District 22 Senior Statistics (Through Thursday)		Hitting		Slugging Percentage		Strikeouts	
Shawn Hampton, O'Fallon	7	Powers, Alton	5	D. Barr, Highland	15	3.09	K.
Nick Bohnenstiehl, O'Fallon	6	Heschmidt, Alton	5	Schwierjohn, Alton	12	3.23	Brad Kramkowski, Belleville
Kory Bohnenstiehl, Bethalto	6	Heissel, Collinsville	5	Casey Hunter, Belleville	10	3.29	Doug McMorris, Belleville
Justin Clayton, Collinsville	6	Watertown, Waterloo	5	W. Astraks, Collinsville	11	3.48	John Johnson, Collinsville
T. Krick, Smithton	19	Brooks Colvin, O'Fallon	19	J. Schmersahl, Belle-ville	10	3.48	Derek Stratman, O'Fallon
S. Haake, Waterloo	24	Steve Haake, Waterloo	22	K. Sangiolo, Belle-ville	11	3.48	Werner, Alton
J. Schmrsahl, Water- loo	19	Kevin Sangiolo, Belle-ville	19	G. French, Belleville	11	3.48	George Jentsch, O'Fallon
D. Munoz, Collinsville	20	Ryan DeRosa, O'Fallon	19	D. Stratman, O'Fallon	11	3.48	Troy Jones, Water- loo
K. Kline, Collinsville	48	Derek Stratman, O'Fallon	47	D. Stratman, O'Fallon	11	3.48	Mike Werner, Alton
J. Clayton, Collinsville	44	Travis Jones, Belle-ville	47	T. Krick, Smithton	11	3.48	John Johnson, Collinsville
N. O'Donnell, Belleville	36	Travis Jones, Belle-ville	47	S. Haake, Waterloo	11	3.48	Doug McMorris, Belleville
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All-Journal Class AA softball**FIRST TEAM**

Pitchers
Casey Hunter, Belleville West: After seeing limited varsity time as a freshman, Hunter had an outstanding sophomore season, posting an 11-1 record with a 0.17 ERA in 42

innings, she had 144 strikeouts while allowing 21 walks and 22 hits.

As a freshman, she came into some tournament action and gained valuable experience, said West coach Bob Yagge. "This year she learned how to pitch more

intelligently and set up batters instead of just throwing. She has a very bright future — she may be one of the best we've had here."

Heather Hubert, Belleville West: A varsity starter since her freshman year, Hubert was impressive again as a junior, posting a 13-3 record with a 1.20 ERA. In 42 2/3 innings, she struck out 154 and walked 17 while allowing 43 hits.

"Mother is an established commodity in the area when it comes to pitching," Yagge said. "Teams who faced her knew they would be in trouble if they didn't play at speed. They wanted to get a hit off her even if they didn't win the game."

Sarah Kloss, Collinsville: Kloss had her freshman campaign in 1998 was no fluke. A year ago she record 219 strikeouts, this season she has 177. She has a 1.20 ERA and 104 strikeouts per game. Earned runs were virtually non-existent as she finished the year with a 0.34 ERA.

At the plate, she really came on in the second half of the spring and finished the season with a .344 average.

"I thought she was going to be a good pitcher as anybody else," Triad coach Bruce Lewis said. "We had some games where we didn't hit behind her and I could have been the cause of some of her losses."

The way she performed in the Belleville Pitchers in the area," Yagge said.

• Amy Fitzgerald, Collinsville: The senior set school records with nine triples and 19 RBI while batting a team leading .448 this season.

"She was such a hard worker and not just at softball but in the classroom too," Collinsville coach Sara Thurwacker said. "She is a great role model for our girls."

"She was definitely the most valuable player on the team and producing when we needed her. She was a great leader for the team and a good leader. She and (co-captain) Adrienne Wilson kept the team motivated and on track."

• Infielders

Beth Yagge, Belleville West: The senior first baseman and third baseman had a solid year with a team-high 26 RBIs. She had eight extra-base hits and 13 stolen bases, and

Amanda Williams, Belleville East: The Lancers' senior shortstop earned first-team recognition from the sectionals and was selected to bat .396 with 17 RBIs. She was second on the team in hits (.395), runs scored (25) and stolen bases (10).

Williams will play next season at Missouri Baptist College in St. Louis.

Rodya Staler, Granite City: She filled a key leadership role for the Warriors softball team this year.

One of only two senior starters, she batted .340 with 17 RBIs. Staler managed to stay healthy and helped the team hold the field together. At the plate, she batted .363 with 28 runs, five

doubles, six triples, two home runs and 28

RBI.

Staler was a four-sport threat during her high-school career, participating in tennis, basketball, softball and track and field. She had softball duties. As there is no girls' hockey team in Illinois high-school sports, Staler was the first girl to play for the team. She is one athlete who is tough enough to handle the challenge.

"She is playing against boys all my life, my brothers and others," Staler said. "Mostly it's been the same bunch of guys I play against. I think it's cool that they are used to it, and so am I. They've always been really supportive."

• Catcher

Bethany Redick, Belleville Junior: Junior shortstop and a three-year starter, Redick batted .337 for a Panthers squad that won a school-record 18 games.

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Moehrs posts 1,400th win

Milestone for Buds skipper comes vs. Granite City

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

What did Waterloo Buds manager Vern Moehrs think of capturing his No. 1,400 on June 26?

"It means I've been around a long time," Moehrs said.

Moehrs reached the milestone when his Buds whitewashed Granite City 13-0 in the opening round of the open men's baseball division at the 16th annual Prairie State Games on June 26.

Waterloo (15-4) left little doubt early; as it posted six runs in the first and five more in the second.

"We hadn't been hitting up to this point," Moehrs said. "The guys hit the ball well."

Waterloo went on to win the PSG gold medal last weekend, lifting Moehrs' career record to 1,402-278 record. ***

As usual, Waterloo's offense — which recorded 41 runs in three contests — received the headlines from its successful Prairie State Games weekend.

But the Buds' pitching, often overshadowed by the offense, keyed their fourth straight gold

medal run as well.

Brandon Musso got the Buds rolling with a five-inning twifter against Granite City.

Musso fanned eight and walked four.

Darin Hendrickson followed Musso's showing with a complete game effort against the Springfield Pallies on June 26.

Hendrickson allowed four runs, three earned, while scattering eight hits. He also struck out eight.

After starter Corey Blackwell struggled in the gold medal game against Fairview Heights on June 27, Moehrs summoned Jim Schlecht, who responded with three innings of one-hit relief.

"He really slammed the door," Moehrs said.

Perhaps the first two innings of the PSG were an omen for Granite City.

The Steelers (7-10) surrendered 11 runs before eventually losing 13-0 to Waterloo's 6-0 in the final 11th in the gold medal game.

It was a come back from a deficit like that," said Granite City player-manager Brian Harshany, whose squad completed PSG competition at 0-3. "We've got a great group of guys, but if you give up that many runs in two innings and they've got a good pitcher on the mound, it's pretty hard to come back."

Tri City turns back Alton for fourth win

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in the bottom of the inning to tie the game at 6-6.

Alton's threat in the top of the sixth inning was thwarted when Courtney got Jason Bruns to ground into a 1-3-5 double play.

Craig Johnson and Matt Mercer got in the bottom of the ninth when Devin Mace's two-out single scored Matt Mercer and Schlecht.

Scott Schardan closed out the final three batters to preserve the victory for Post 113.

"We just made too many errors," Alton coach Dennis Stroh said. "We have just been plating all over with errors and we committed too many tonight. We are not giving our pitching enough support."

Especially when we are dealing with a lack of bat production, we can't suffer with errors."

"It's kind of the same old story," Tri City manager Dennis Stroh said. "I told these guys when we got two in the first that you can't let them hang around, but we did again. We let them get the lead on us, then tied it twice. Then we finally broke through and got a big hit when we needed to."

"We got a few hits today, but we got that big hit in the eighth, when we really hurt him. Devin really came through in a big way. It was nice to see him back really playing. I think he may still be a little hurt, a little tentative, but he seems to be OK now. He has a good hit and after the thing he has always been able to do is hit."

Post 113 has made a habit of playing close games lately but has just a 4-9 overall record.

to show for its efforts.

"I think it's a little bit of maturity and little bit of frustration coming along the close ones," Ligier said. "There may be no other team in this league that has been in as many one-run games and had to fight like that. I don't know if it makes you more mature or if it makes you know what to expect a little bit. The bottom line is, if you still have to get the hit, you still have to get the breaks, you still have to get all of that stuff."

"Hopefully, this turns things around. We have the chance now with East St. Louis (scheduled for this past Thursday) and Nashville (scheduled for this past Saturday) to make up some ground."

"I think the break for now is just to get home around 500 and take your chances. I think if nothing else we are a team that probably is going to want to play come playoff time."

"There is no one for two weeks now that has outplayed us. There haven't been any games that we haven't been in with a chance to win. For two weeks now we have had a chance to win every game we have played. Just like Tuesday night with Edwardsville, we ended up getting beaten 4-0, but it was closer than that. We had five hits and they had five hits. Devin pitched and they didn't get a hit all the second inning. Granted, that was the best high school team and we played them 6-5 and 4-0. That's not embarrassing."

"Everybody tells us that we scrap, that we are a scrappy little team."

Travelers happy with 9-5 start

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opportunities to win the game in the sixth and seventh innings. In both frames, Collinsville had the bases loaded but could only muster one run.

"One night we hit and one night we fielded," Dellamano said. "If it all came together one night, we could beat anybody. We've been using the young guys. For and they've really helped. Most of all our success is because it is a total team effort!"

The Travelers used a total team effort Monday when they swept Tri City in a doubleheader. The Travelers won the opener 11-10 in the bottom of the eighth inning on a

solo home run by Steve Mandeville.

The Travelers led by as many as six runs (8-2) before Tri City scored eight consecutive runs.

Collinsville trailed 10-8 heading into the bottom of the seventh, when Justin Voelker homered to cut the lead to 10-9. Ryan Hodge followed with his own solo shot to force extra innings.

Willard was the winning pitcher, working 5½ innings in relief of starter Joe Stogner. Willard allowed just two hits and two runs.

Andy Sidwell picked up the victory in the second game for Collinsville.


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Adam Sandler's 'Big Daddy' smashes box office records

Film is the biggest non-sequel comedy opening as well as the second largest grossing comedy opening in history

Adam Sandler is back on top again.

The funnyman's "Big Daddy" debut knocked off both Austin Powers and Tarzan to lead the weekend box office with \$41.2 million in ticket sales, estimated showed.

The animated version of "Tarzan" moved to No. 2 with \$23.5 million, while Powers' "The Spy Who Shagged Me" dropped to the No. 3 spot with \$18.2 million in sales, according to industry estimates released Sunday.

This past weekend could become one of the biggest non-holiday weekends ever, said Paul Dergarabedian, a film industry analyst with Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

The top 12 films were up about 1 percent over last weekend's banner showing.

"There are a lot of big films out there and the audience is expanding," Dergarabedian said.

"We're seeing astronomical numbers. There are films out there for every type of audience, combined with very effective marketing campaigns means very big numbers for all the films."

This also means that staying No. 1 is difficult, he said. Each week, the top film is knocked off its perch but the No. 2 and No. 3 films were still doing well.

In "Big Daddy," Sandler plays a 32-year-old New York

city tollbooth worker who's forced to grow up when he suddenly must care for a 5-year-old orphan, played by identical twins Cole and Dylan Sprouse.

As a new father, Sandler combines his two film personas as the juvenile clown of the massive hit "The Waterboy," and the likable romantic of "The Wedding Singer."

"Big Daddy" was the second largest grossing comedy opening ever, just behind "Austin Powers," which opened with \$54 million two weeks ago, and was the biggest nonsequel comedy opening ever, Dergarabedian said.

"Tarzan," featuring the

voices of Minnie Driver, Rosie O'Donnell and Tony Goldwyn, and songs by Phil Collins, dropped just 31 percent from its debut last weekend, said Clark Viane, president of distribution for Buena Vista pic-

tures.

"Austin Powers," the quirky comedy sequel with Mike Myers returning as both the international mystery man and Powers' bumbling nemesis Dr. Evil, has become the highest grossing film for New Line Cinema.

The film's three week total of \$150.8 million beat its former biggest hit "Rush Hour," which brought in \$144 million in 1998.

John Travolta's "The Gen-

eral's Daughter" was No. 4 with \$15.6 million, while "Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace" remained strong, taking No. 5 with \$14.6 million and a six-week total of \$352.2 million.

Also at the box office, the Julia Roberts-Hugh Grant romance, "Notting Hill," dropped one place to No. 6 with \$8.1 million and "The Mummy" was in seventh place with \$2.1 million in ticket sales.

"Instinct" was in eighth with \$1.9 million, "An Ideal Husband" moved to ninth in its second week with \$1.1 million and "The Matrix" dropped to No. 10 with \$1 million.

Estimated grosses for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., were: 1. "Big Daddy," \$42.9 million; 2. "Tarzan," \$23.5 million; 3. "Austin

Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me," \$18.3 million; 4. "The General's Daughter," \$15.6 million; 5. "Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace," \$14.6 million; 6. "Notting Hill," \$8.1 million; 7. "The Mummy," \$2.1 million; 8. "Instinct," \$1.9 million; 9. "An Ideal Husband," \$1.1 million; 10. "The Matrix," \$1 million.

-Associated Press

Horoscope

Sunday, July 4

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY:
This is not the year to give up.

on your dreams, because although they might have been delayed, they are not denied. Two hopes you were

unable to fulfill last year might become realities this year.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your greatest strength today is likely to come with situations that permit you to use the full scope of your imagination, giving you the ability to handle developments well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even if your logic dictates otherwise today, follow your intuitive perceptions, especially if you have any commercial dealings. Your instincts will be right on target.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Should you have to deal with someone who is difficult to figure out, attempt to reach this individual through his or her emotions instead of applying logic or pressure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Left to your own devices today, you'll do an admirable job even in arduous tasks, so it would be better if you can do so out of the range of kibitzers or advisers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) There is ample room in this world for an optimistic romanticist, so if you find yourself in love with love today, go at it. Others will enjoy your charm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If possible, avoid partaking in critical assignments today and enjoy a day of pleasure or rest. The break will refresh you both in body and spirit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A busy day might be in store for you communicating with tons of people with

whom you'll take much pleasure in talking with and catching up on all the latest news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll have the time, so if you have the money or inclination to do so today, this could be a good day to go shopping. Your eye for spotting all the right items will be sharp.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't let anyone put you in a position where you could exhibit your flexibility and mobility today. The more independently you're able to move, the more effective you're likely to be.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) To your credit, you could come to the assistance of today of someone who is truly in need. In fact, you might put yourself out to the point of a personal sacrifice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 18) The trim, airy atmosphere you project today will be readily perceived by everyone with whom you come in contact and will view you as a cherished friend.

GEMINI (May 19-June 20) That which you previously perceived as obstacles could simply turn out to be stepping stones today. What was difficult earlier in the week may now be a breeze to finish.

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That's why it's important to shop with care: The selection you make is one you will be living with for many years.

Consider how and where you'll want to use your new carpet before you shop.

No other major family purchase — with the possible exception of automobile tires — is subject to the same analysis as carpet. If, for instance, you're planning to cover the floor in a hallway or children's bedroom, the carpet should be able to withstand a steady and heavy traffic.

This will be of less concern, however, if you're shopping for carpet in a guest bedroom or seldom-used front parlor.

Similarly, carpet in the master bedroom isn't subject to heavy wear, since great portions of it are generally covered with heavy furniture.

By contrast, the bathroom

located off the master bedroom is exposed to much more abuse. In fact, experts recommend vinyl, linoleum or ceramic tile for bathrooms, the kitchen or any room with running water.

Choose the highest quality you can afford

If you don't personally know your dealer, trust the reputation of the brands: Brinks, Monsanto, DuPont and Allied can be relied on for quality and durability.

Most, if not all, of the carpet dealers in the greater St. Louis area will carry stock from one or all of these labels.

A carpet's durability is a function of quality and length of life. Density refers to the tightness of the weave of the fabric. Usually, a tighter weave wears better.

Fiber length refers to the height of the material. If it's too short, it will wear more quickly. If too long, it will lay over, hiding dirt and losing its

freshness and eye-appeal. Optimum length is just under an inch to about an inch and a quarter.

These days, most carpet is treated with a stain resistant chemical, but not all. Check the label. That discounted carpet might be less costly simply because it wasn't stain-treated.

Pick the color that's right for you

One of the major changes to occur in the carpet industry during the past 20 years has been the proliferation of colors. Where customers previously were given a choice from among four or five colors in a particular line, today it's not uncommon to see 40, 60 or even 80 colors available within each line.

Color is a major burden for the carpet merchant, who must carry a substantial inventory, but a great benefit for the style-conscious consumer.

When it comes to style, there is not a right or wrong answer. Your choice depends

Fashion tip No 1: Indoor-outdoor carpet is actually misnamed. It's really appropriate solely as an outdoor carpet.

— Fashion tip No. 2: Shag rugs went out with leisure suits.

You'll want your new carpet to match the drapes and furnishings of your room. Many shoppers arrive at the carpet shop armed with drapery swatches or arm caps from the sofa and lounge chairs. This is fine, but don't let it stop you if your drapes are not yet hung.

Most carpet retailers have sample boards containing color and style swatches. These are often set up in a method called misdirected, which means they are a stranger to loose with their samples, most will cheerfully arrange an appointment for a number of their sales staff to bring them to your home.

Pick the style and texture that best suits you.

When it comes to style, there is not a right or wrong answer. Your choice depends

entirely on the look you want. The three basic styles to choose from here are plush, textured or sculptured.

The plush carpet is most popular, combining an elegant look with relative economy. Sculptured don't care for visibility of vacuum tracks or footprints, however. If this is a concern, textured carpet is an alternative.

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Take time to compare

As with any major purchase, you will learn a lot by shopping around for the best value and price.

Comparison shopping can be difficult, however, because of different qualities and price grades on the market. It's important to make sure the prices you receive from different merchants really are for the same quality and level of service.

If you're purchasing wall-to-wall carpet, you'll probably want the store to perform the installation.

It's important in this case to make certain that each quote you receive from competing merchants includes installation.

Wasting water this summer can end up leaving your bank account high and dry

Everyone wants a lush, green lawn but be aware of the high cost of water waste. If you follow a few simple steps for water conservation inside and outside your home, you'll end up with that great-looking yard without the big expense when the water bills come.

More down the drain. Every year, large-scale American family wastes around 32,000 gallons of water. That's the volume of a medium-sized swimming pool. Most of the waste occurs in the bathroom, sometimes because we leave the water running without thinking ("don't worry, I'll turn it off while I'm brushing my teeth").

Other times, the water and money is draining away without us even knowing it.

The chief culprits are:

- running toilets
 - inefficient fixtures
 - leaking plumbing
 - excessive lawnmowing
- Hosing Around the Yard! It takes 600 gallons to water a typical 1,000 square-foot lawn with 1 inch of water, the same amount of water used to wash your house in a week. It's easy to cut this in half and save money by remembering these basics:

- Use the right equipment. While many nozzles do a pretty good job, there is a difference in hose nozzles. When you're washing the car or spraying your lawn or shrubs, use a full-type nozzle instead. You can adjust the flow rate or stop it completely to answer the phone or chat with a neighbor.

Maximize water usage. If you have a small lawn and more plants, you should use irrigation hoses. These target smaller amounts of water right at the root level of your grass. Irrigation hoses and trees and shrubs also will maximize your water usage by reducing the amount of water lost through evaporation. Additionally, recycling rainwater from downspouts for watering your garden will help you cut back.

Go with the flow. Indoors, you can start saving water immediately by tackling one of the biggest water-wasters found in your toilet. If you find one that leaks, buy a new-flow model. These toilets use about 1.5 gallons per flush, as opposed

to the standard version that sinks 4 gallons per use.

Otherwise, try these methods for conserving water and saving money in the bathroom.

Install a toilet dam to reduce the holding capacity of your tank and less water per flush. Next, for a plumber's fancy contraption from the hardware store.

Just use an old 1/2 gallon plastic soda bottle. Fill it with water and drop it in the tank, but be sure to leave at least 3 gallons of water, or you might be plumping until next spring.

Leaks and drips from your toilet add up. A running toilet can waste up to 100 gallons of water a day. The handle only is a short-term fix.

Get the right replacement parts (usually just a new flange) and do the job in less than 10 minutes.

• Save looks from the tank to the bowl are slower and quieter. Here's a tip on how to check for slow leaks: squeeze a couple drops of food coloring into the tank. If the color appears in the bowl, you're sitting on a problem.

• Just like it's a good idea to inspect your car's belts and hoses, you occasionally should check all the plumbing connections.

If you don't have plumbing tools, large-jawed pipe-grip locking pliers let you get around all the various-sized pipes, fittings, and will make future repairs or rusted bolts easier.

Be sure to check basins, sinks and all pipe connections in the basement.

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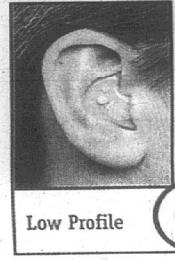
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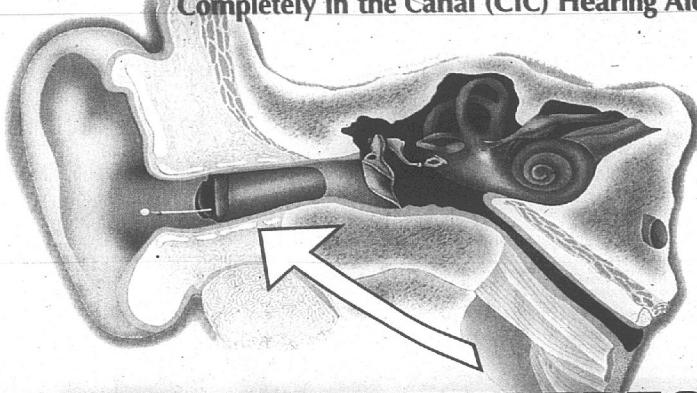
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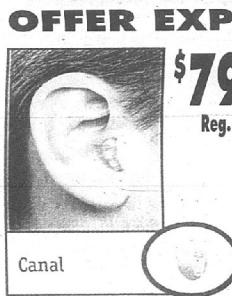


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